

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims are listed below:

1. (Currently Amended) A screen-printing plate comprising:

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a screen plate provided with two or more printing patterns disposed in a single plate frame of the screen plate, each of the two or more printing patterns being formed with a plurality of mesh holes,

wherein, for at least two of the at least two or more printing patterns, the shapes of the at least two printing patterns are substantially the same and a first one of the at least two or more printing patterns has mesh holes of a first size and a second one of the at least two or more printing patterns has mesh holes of a second size,

wherein a first group of mesh holes is closer to a periphery of the plate frame than a second group of mesh holes and has holes that are larger than holes for the second group of mesh holes.

Claims 2-5. Cancelled.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

forming two or more printed patterns on a ceramic green sheet by pressing electrode paste through a plurality of mesh holes in two or more printing patterns in a screen-printing plate, wherein, for at least two of the two or more printing patterns, the shapes of the at

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least two printing patterns are substantially the same and a first one of the at least two or more printing patterns has mesh holes of a first size and a second one of the at least two or more printing patterns has mesh holes of a second size, and wherein electrode paste is pressed through a first group of mesh holes in a first region of the screen-printing plate having the first size and a second group of mesh holes in a second region of the screen-printing plate having the second size, and the second region is proximate a peripheral frame of the screen-printing plate and the first region is proximate a center of the screen-printing plate

wherein the first size is smaller than the second size.

Claims 7-10. Cancelled.

11. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 6, comprising the steps of
laminating and contact-bonding a plurality of ceramic green sheets, one or more
electrode patterns being formed on at least one of the plurality of ceramic green sheets;
cutting the laminated and contact-bonded layered ceramic green sheets into
independent elements; and
firing the cut elements.

Claims 12-16. Cancelled.

17. (New) A screen-printing plate comprising:

a screen plate provided with two or more printing patterns disposed in a single plate frame of the screen plate, each of the two or more printing patterns being formed with a plurality of mesh holes,

wherein, for at least two of the at least two or more printing patterns, the shapes of the at least two printing patterns are substantially the same and the at least two printing patterns have different aperture ratios of the mesh holes.

18. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 17, wherein mesh holes having a first aperture ratio are disposed in a first region of the screen plate and mesh holes having a second aperture ratio are disposed in a second region of the screen plate.

19. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 18, wherein the first region of the screen plate is at a periphery of the plate frame, and the second region of the screen plate is at a portion of the screen plate closer to a center of the screen plate than the first region.

20. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 19, wherein the first aperture ratio is higher than the second aperture ratio.

21. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 17, wherein a first group of mesh holes is closer to a periphery of the plate frame than a second group of mesh holes and has a first aperture ratio that is higher than an aperture ratio for the second group of mesh holes.

22. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 17, wherein bottom ends of the mesh holes are disposed above a bottom surface of the screen plate.

23. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 17, wherein the two or more printing patterns are adapted to form corresponding printed patterns having substantially the same shape as one another.

24. (New) A method for manufacturing an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

forming two or more printed patterns on a ceramic green sheet by pressing electrode paste through a plurality of mesh holes in two or more printing patterns in a screen-printing plate, wherein, for at least two of the two or more printing patterns, the shapes of the at least two printing patterns are substantially the same and the at least two printing patterns have different aperture ratios of the mesh holes.

25. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24, comprising the steps of

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laminating and contact-bonding a plurality of ceramic green sheets, one or more electrode patterns being formed on at least one of the plurality of ceramic green sheets; cutting the laminated and contact-bonded layered ceramic green sheets into independent elements; and firing the cut elements.

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26. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24, wherein electrode paste is pressed through a first group of mesh holes in a first region of the screen-printing plate having a first aperture ratio and a second group of mesh holes in a second region of the screen-printing plate having a second aperture ratio.

27. (New) The method as set forth in claim 26, wherein the first region is proximate a peripheral frame of the screen-printing plate and the second region is proximate a center of the screen-printing plate.

28. (New) The method as set forth in claim 27, wherein the first aperture ratio is higher than the second aperture ratio.

29. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the electrode paste is pressed through a first group of mesh holes that is closer to a periphery of the screen-

printing plate than a second group of mesh holes and has a first aperture ratio that is higher than an aperture ratio for the second group of mesh holes.

30. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24, wherein bottom ends of the mesh holes are disposed above a bottom surface of the screen plate and material pressed through the mesh holes is introduced into a space beneath each printing pattern.

31. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24, comprising forming, with the two or more printing patterns, corresponding printed patterns having substantially the same shape as one another.

32. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 1, wherein bottom ends of the mesh holes are disposed above a bottom surface of the screen plate.

33. (New) The screen-printing plate according to claim 1, wherein the two or more printing patterns are adapted to form corresponding printed patterns having substantially the same shape as one another.

34. (New) The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein bottom ends of the mesh holes are disposed above a bottom surface of the screen plate and material pressed through the mesh holes is introduced into a space beneath each printing pattern.

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35. (New) The method as set forth in claim 6, comprising forming, with the two or more printing patterns, corresponding printed patterns having substantially the same shape as one another.
